

BAR HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES- REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 13, 2009

ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Present were: Weber, Watson, Albert, Handel, Wheeler, Krieg

ITEM 2

EXCUSED ABSENCES

ITEM 3

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes were accepted.

ITEM 4

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ITEM 5

OLD BUSINESS

-Dark Skies- Jill reported on the organization meetings for the Acadia Night Sky festival. wwwweb.me.com/isandastro/festival/home.html. The Conservation Commission would like to be responsible for conducting tours of green buildings- COA, Bio-Lab, MCHT, NE Creek Development. We'd like them to be 'open house' with a representative at each site. Pat W. will be in charge of coordinating this effort. Jill and Anne W. will help.

-NE Creek Brochure- Jill reports that the printing price has gone down. It needs to be sent to 84 landowners. All were in favor of a resolution:

--We will print and distribute the NE Creek brochure now. We will devote effort to preparing a comparable brochure for the Hadley Point and the Indian Point watersheds to be distributed before June.

-Solid waste/recycling: Earth Day film- Enoch offered to coordinate the selling and distributing of the 'composter' We decided to stick with the every other year approach.

-We will ask Ted Koffman to speak at the film all agreed to make the film at Reel Pizza free of charge with donations appreciated. We decided the profit should go to Allied Whale.

The Jesup display- M. A. met with Nancy at the Jesup and discussed the display.

- The State Planning Office grant application- Thank you Patrick for suggesting and thank you Anne K. for submitting. We have been awarded \$500.00 from the Maine State Planning Office. Patrick will be in touch with Anne K. about it. We discussed ideas- a video? With COA? How and what to recycle?

-Vernal Pools project- Noah updated us on the project. He and Chris have sent out letters to landowners. The volunteer training session will be April 27th in Town Hill.

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NEW BUSINESS

-Warrant Committee- Jill gave an update. They suggested that the Conservation Commission look at recycling.

-Council Update- The Council feels we've done well with our Work Plan. We will work on education on Dark Shies Lighting over the next few months.

-Landscaping at the head of the island. Anne K. reported that the DOT has met with the Scenic Byway.

They will soon give an update on the corridor management plan. They are committed to using Dark Shies compliant lighting. They agreed to use native plants. Jill will attend the meeting with the DOT landscape architect.

-Wetlands map approval process- the map has to go to Town meeting. Conservation Commission members should attend the May 19th meeting. Anne K. will present the ordinances.

-Staff Reports- Anne K. will be interviewing interns. At our next meeting, we should bring ideas for intern projects.

-Request of Council Chair Ruth Eveland- We discussed ways to improve communication with the Conservation Commission and the Council. Encouragement of respectful and open communication would help us to work effectively and more efficiently. We could look to MEACC to offer training for Conservation Commission to work together with local Land Trust.

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ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The Council likes forward thinking. Discuss wetland map May 11th.

ITEM 8

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm